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The Honorable Krysten Sinema U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Sinema:

On behalf of Administrator Scott Pruitt, thank you for contacting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2018. With regard to your inquiry about the impact of the budget request on jobs at universities and national laboratories, we will not know the full impact until those numbers are finalized. As we proceed with our analysis, we will ensure that the process is fair and transparent.

Thank you again for your letter. We look forward to joining together to make the federal government work better for the American people. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Christina Moody in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at moody.christina@epa.gov or (202) 564-9903.

Sincerely,

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